

IN THE CLAIMS:

A full listing of the claims, including any amendments made by this paper, is provided below:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for storing index cards, comprising:

at least one storage sheet, said at least one storage sheet having at least two card pockets positioned thereon, each card pocket being differently sized to closely receive differently sized index cards therein;

said at least one storage sheet comprising a backing sheet;

a panel pocket between at least one of said card pockets and said backing sheet;

at least one supply sheet, said at least one supply sheet having a plurality of index cards formed therein and detachable therefrom where said plurality of index cards includes two differently sized index cards, wherein each index card is sized to be closely received in a corresponding one of said card pockets; and

a binding mechanism binding said at least one storage sheet and said at least one supply sheet together;

wherein at least one card pocket of said at least one storage sheet includes a mouth and a flap for selectively covering said mouth;

wherein said at least one card pocket includes a cutout in a front panel thereof, along a lower edge of said cutout being a slit or slit edge for receiving at least part of said flap thereunder to retain said flap in a closed position wherein said flap generally covers said mouth, wherein said slit edge extends laterally beyond said cutout.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said at least one storage sheet and said at least one supply sheet each include a binding edge such that said at least one storage sheet and said at least one supply sheet are bound at their corresponding binding edges.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of sheets of paper, each of said plurality of sheets of paper being bound to said at least one storage sheet and said at least one supply sheet by said binding mechanism.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3 wherein said at least one supply sheet is generally similar in shape in front view and generally smaller than said plurality of sheets of paper.

5. (Original) The system of claim 3 further comprising a front cover and a back cover, said front cover and said back cover being bound to said at least one storage sheet, said at least one supply sheet, and said plurality of sheets of paper by said binding mechanism.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said binding mechanism is a helical or twin wire coil.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~8~~ 1 wherein said at least one card pocket has a crease such that said slit edge is pivotable about said crease.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said slit edge forms an angle with a body of said card pocket and is shaped to guide said flap thereunder when said flap is moved to said closed position.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said at least one storage sheet includes two of said card pockets, a first of said card pockets being generally rectangular in shape and having a longitudinal axis and a second of said card pockets being generally rectangular in shape and having a longitudinal axis that is perpendicular to said axis of said first of said card pockets.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said at least one storage sheet includes two of said card pockets, said card pockets being sized to store differently-sized index cards therein.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said plurality of index cards are formed on said supply sheet by a plurality of perforations in said supply sheet.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said index cards is generally rectangular in shape and has dimensions of about 3 inches by about 5 inches.

15. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said index cards is smaller relative to other ones of said index cards.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said index cards is a half-sized index card relative to another one of said index cards.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein at least one card pocket is generally entirely made of a generally transparent material such said an index card received therein is generally visible therethrough.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) A method for assembling an index card storage system comprising:

providing at least one storage sheet, said at least one storage sheet having at least one card pocket;

said at least one storage sheet comprising a backing sheet;

a panel pocket between said at least one card pocket and said backing sheet;

providing at least one supply sheet, said at least one supply sheet having a plurality of index cards formed therein and detachable therefrom, wherein said storage sheet includes at least two card pockets positioned thereon, each card pocket being differently sized to closely receive differently sized index cards therein, wherein said plurality of index cards includes two differently sized index cards, and wherein each index card is sized to be closely received in a corresponding one of said card pockets; and

binding said at least one storage sheet and said at least one supply sheet together with a binding mechanism;

wherein at least one card pocket of said at least one storage sheet includes a mouth and a flap is provided for selectively covering said mouth;

wherein said at least one card pocket is provided with a cutout in a front panel thereof, along a lower edge of said cutout being a slit or slit edge for receiving at least part of said flap thereunder to retain said flap in a closed position wherein said flap generally covers said mouth, wherein said slit edge extends laterally beyond said cutout.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein said at least one storage sheet and said at least one supply sheet each include a binding edge such that said binding step includes binding said at least one storage sheet and said at least one supply sheet at their corresponding binding edges.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of providing a plurality of sheets of paper and binding each of said plurality of sheets of paper to said at least one storage sheet and said at least one supply sheet by said binding mechanism.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein said at least one storage sheet includes two of said card pockets, a first of said card pockets being generally rectangular in shape and having a longitudinal axis and a second of said card pockets being generally rectangular in shape and having a longitudinal axis that is perpendicular to said axis of said first of said card pockets.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein said at least one storage sheet includes two of said card pockets, said card pockets being sized to store differently-sized index cards therein.

24. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein at least one of said index cards is smaller relative to other ones of said index cards.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein said plurality of index cards are formed on said supply sheet by a plurality of perforations in said supply sheet.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein at least one card pocket is made of a generally transparent material.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 further comprising the steps of detaching at least one of said index cards from said supply sheet and placing said at least one of said index cards removed in said detaching step into at least one of said card pockets.

29. (Currently Amended) A method for storing index cards comprising:
providing a system including at least one storage sheet having at least one card pocket;

said at least one storage sheet comprising a backing sheet;
a panel pocket between said at least one card pocket and said backing sheet;
at least one supply sheet having a plurality of index cards formed therein and detachable therefrom, and a binding mechanism binding said at least one storage sheet and said at least one supply sheet together, wherein said storage sheet includes at least two card pockets positioned thereon, each card pocket being differently sized to closely receive differently sized index cards therein, wherein said plurality of index cards includes two differently sized index cards, and wherein each index card is sized to be closely received in a corresponding one of said card pocket;

detaching at least one index card from said supply sheet; and

storing said detached index card in at least one card pocket;

wherein at least one card pocket of said at least one storage sheet includes a mouth and a flap is provided for selectively covering said mouth;

wherein said at least one card pocket is provided with a cutout in a front panel thereof, along a lower edge of said cutout being a slit or slit edge for receiving at least part of said flap

thereunder to retain said flap in a closed position wherein said flap generally covers said mouth, wherein said slit edge extends laterally beyond said cutout.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein each card pocket is configured to entirely and closely receive one of said index cards therein.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30 wherein each card pocket is generally transparent such that when one of said index cards is received therein at least one side of said index card is generally visible through said card pocket.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said plurality of card pockets are spaced apart and arranged in a generally co-planar, non-overlapping configuration.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said supply sheet includes at least two index cards of the same size and shape formed therein and detachable therefrom.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein at least one card pocket is configured to entirely and closely receive one of said index cards therein, and wherein said card pocket is generally transparent such that when said one of said index cards is received therein at least one side of said at least one of said index cards is generally visible through said card pocket.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein said plurality of card pockets are spaced apart and arranged in a generally co-planar, non-overlapping configuration.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein at least one card pocket is configured to entirely and closely receive one of said index cards therein, and wherein said card pocket is generally transparent such that when said one of said index cards is received therein at least one side of said at least one of said index cards is generally visible through said card pocket.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein said plurality of card pockets are spaced apart and arranged in a generally co-planar, non-overlapping configuration.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein each of said index cards has a front surface and a back surface, wherein when said index card is placed in one of said card pockets, at least one of said front and back surfaces is entirely visible.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein each of said index cards has a front surface and a back surface, wherein when said index card is placed in one of said card pockets, at least one of said front and back surfaces is entirely visible.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein each of said index cards has a front surface and a back surface, wherein when said index card is placed in one of said card pockets, at least one of said front and back surfaces is entirely visible.

46. (Canceled)

47. (Cancelled).

48. (Cancelled).

49. (Cancelled).